

17 October 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: ICIS Standards on Classification  
and Security of Information

1. In discussing other matters with Mr. William E. Foley, Department of Justice, I inquired concerning the proposed ICIS Minimum Standards for Classification and Protection of Classified Information which CIA had commented on in a letter from the Chief, Inspection and Security Staff, to Mr. Whearty. Mr. Foley stated to me that he thought the position taken by CIA in that letter was precisely what they had expected, and there was general acceptance of the idea that CIA and some of the other agencies customarily handling highly classified material would have standards higher than those set forth in the ICIS proposal and would not be expected to alter practices required for the performance of their functions.

2. Mr. Foley stated that the CIA letter would be presented to the ICIS on Wednesday, 18 October, and if any questions came up they would probably be raised at that meeting. No final determination would be made on the final issuance, however, as answers have not come from other interested agencies. On the basis of this conversation, it appears that no further action is required by CIA at this time.

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